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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Bao Q. Truong

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Priority*

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Taiwan on 01/21/2003. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the 92201101 application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

### *Claim Objections*

2. Claims 1-3 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1, "the said" through whole claim should be changed to --the-- or --said--; there is lack of antecedent basis for "said receptacle" in lines 6-7; another "a receptacle" in line 12 should be changed since they are present for two different structure; "it" in line 7 should be changed to what it refers; "LED" in line 14 should be changed to --light emitting diode--.

Claim 2, "the said" through whole claim should be changed to --the-- or --said--; "its" in line 3 should be changed to what it refers; there is lack of antecedent basis for "said wire" in line 10.

Claim 3, "the said" through whole claim should be changed to --the-- or --said--; there is lack of antecedent basis for "said wire" in line 5.

Preamble of claim 2 and 3, "As mention in Claim 1 of the motor vehicle reverse assistance light of the invention herein" should be changed to --The motor vehicle reverse assistance light in Claim 1--

Appropriate correction is required.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1-3 are allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claim 1, a motor vehicle reverse assistance light comprises, in combination, a rectangular-shaped base including a rod and an arcuate groove to engage with a receptacle and a locating tab in a housing shell as claimed.

Claims 2-3 are dependent on claim 1.

The limitations discussed above are neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record.

Abbott [US 6,416,209 B1], Vu et al. [US 4,855,878], Chandler [US 4,802,069], H.C. Mead et al. [US 2,148,870], and G.F. Knowles [US 2,073,536] disclose a motor vehicle assistance light being attachable to an exterior of the motor vehicle body for illumination. However, none of them discloses or suggests the structure of claim 1 as discussed above.

***Conclusion***

5. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Claim Objections set forth as above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.


A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bao Q. Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-2383. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00 AM - 4:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra L. O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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